

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 7 4 ♥ A K 3 ♦ Q 9 7 2 ♣ J 7 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - Many would open with this hand, but we think hands with 4-3-3-3 distribution, with scattered honors and poor intermediates, are not worth an opening bid. Pass.

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 6 ♥ K J 10 9 7 6 ♦ K 8 7 5 3 ♣ J

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠
?			

What call would you make?

A - Partner's bid, despite the interference, carries the same meaning — are you minimum or maximum? You are maximum, so bid 4D in case there is more bidding.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 10 7 5 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ A K Q ♣ 8 6 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A - When partner responds to your opening bid with two of a minor, it is usually a poor idea to raise with only three trumps and a balanced minimum. Bid 2NT.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 8 6 ♥ K J 4 ♦ A 9 6 4 ♣ A 9 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	1NT	Dbl	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A - Partner's double is purely for penalties. This should be fun. Pass.

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 2 ♥ K Q 10 7 6 ♦ 8 7 6 4 ♣ K Q 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	2♣	?	

What call would you make?

A - 2H or a negative double? Surely it must be better to show your good five-card heart suit. Bid 2H.

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 5 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A K Q 3 2

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - With one point less, we would open 1NT to avoid the possible reverse auction. 17 and a five-card suit is too good for 1NT, so open 1C.

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